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SUBJ: NON-RENEWAL OF FHWA CONTRACT

REF: STATE 123784

1. EMB TEHRAN RECEIVED TODAY COPY OF CABLE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY E FARAHBAKHSIAN, MINISTER OF ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION, TO SECY. TEXT FOLLOWS.

2. QUOTE. HONORABLE CYRUS E VANCE, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON, DC 20520. DEAR MR SECRETARY: IN REPLY TO YOUR TELEX DATED MAY 28TH 1977 CONCERNING THE AMERICAN FEDERAL HIGHWAYS ADMINISTRATION CONTRACT EXTENSION, REGRET TO ADVISE; AFTER NECESSARY STUDY AND CONSIDERATION BY THIS MINISTRY, IT WAS DECIDED BY THE DEPUTIES' COUNCIL NOT TO RENEW THE CONTRACT FOR TECHNICAL COLLABORATION WITH AMERICAN FEDERAL HIGHWAYS ADMINISTRATION. WE APPRECIATE THE COLLABORATION WHICH RESULTED DURING FULFILLMENT OF CONTRACT. (S) E FARAHBAKHSIAN, MINISTER OF ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION. UNQUOTE.

3. ABOVE CABLE IS INTENDED BY MINISTER FARAHBAKHSIAN AS REPLY TO ADMINISTRATOR COX'S LETTER OF MAY 28 (REFTEL).  
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EMB WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION FROM DEPT THAT COMMERCIAL CABLE RECEIVED.

4. MINISTRY OF ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION (MORT) HAS BEEN ENCOUNTERING BUDGETARY DIFFICULTIES FOR SOME TIME. FUNDS ALLOTTED FOR SPECIAL PROJECTS, WHICH INCLUDE FHWA CONTRACT, ARE INSUFFICIENT TO MEET DEMANDS FOR CURRENT

IRANIAN FISCAL YEAR. LAST MINUTE ATTEMPTS BY MINISTRY TO OBTAIN APPROVAL FROM PLAN AND BUDGET ORGANIZATION FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS HAVE BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL. THERE MAY BE SOME DIFFICULTIES IN MINISTRY MEETING FINAL COSTS OF CLOSING OUT FHWA TEAM. UNDER CURRENT BUDGETARY RESTRICTIONS RENEWAL OF FHWA/MORT CONTRACT IS IMPOSSIBLE.

5. FHWA TEAM WILL DEPART TEHRAN AS SOON AS DETAILS OF DEPARTURE CAN BE ARRANGED.

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